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I.

There had been a full half-minute of elegant silence at the tea-table of old John Belford, the banker.

"Gideon!" The old-fashioned name seemed set to a sort of conversational music by the rich, full tones which uttered it, and it was followed, in default of an instant reply, by, "I'm going to do you a very great favor."

"Right away? Well, I'm ready: all my firmness rallied."

"No, sir; you may finish your tea."

"And then the astonishment?"

"You can have that now. I've tickets for the concert at the Academy to-morrow night, and you're to take me."

"Ruth, my dear!" Mrs. Belford, from behind the tea-urn, said that quite suddenly, and Gideon showed his presence of mind by promptly remarking, "Mrs. Belford, I'm deeply obliged to you. Those are the very words, only I should not have dared——"

The lady of the house was not at that moment smiling upon her husband's big yellow-haired step-son. She even in a manner cut him off by repeating, in a tone of reproof, "Ruth, my dear!" and then, after a dignified pause, she added, "did not Mr. Marvin Belford speak to you about this very concert?"

"Did he?" growled old John Belford at the other end of the table: "then Ruth's right. Self-preservation is the first law of nature."

"Ruth," said Gideon, "I'm your man. I'll save you at any cost."

"It will cost you nothing at all, sir, and the music will be good. Besides, I shall wear a new dress and be unusually handsome. You will be a much envied man."

"And Marvin will love me better than ever, and I shall be happy."

Gideon Street did not look like a man to be much troubled by the opinions of other people, particularly of anybody he was just then thinking of. Neither did he bear the customary marks of a general favorite among men or women. It is not easy to make a pet of a broad-shouldered, bearded Viking, with steel-gray eyes and a deep voice. Through all the explanatory remarks which followed, he was profoundly polite to Mrs. Belford, and a little more so to Ruth, but there was all the while a species of suppressed chuckle in ambush behind the politeness.

"Ruth Faraday," exclaimed Mrs. Belford at last, "you are much too severe upon your cousin. Marvin Belford is one of nature's noblemen."

"He's not a cousin of mine, Aunt Carrie; and I must say I think nature might have done better."

"And not half try," muttered Gideon Street; but at that moment Mr. Belford said to his wife, "Now, Carrie, you must let us go. I want a talk with Gid in the library about some business matters. You can have him, Ruth, after I've done with him."

"I don't want him, Uncle John. I'll be perfectly fair. He need not come near me again until it's time to start for the concert."

"That's fair," said Gideon.

"And even then I won't expect him to talk. All he really need do is to look around him and smile now and then, after I've led him to the right seats."

Her dark, brilliant eyes were dancing with fun, and Gideon, as he slowly rose from the table, thrust his face half-way across it with a remarkable contortion of its manly features, as he asked, "Would this do?"

"Not if there were children."

"Well, you must put me in mind, you know. I can smile."

An hour or so later, without any smile at all upon his face, Gideon Street came out of John Belford's library. He carried in one hand a leathern valise of respectable size, and on his hasty march toward the front door he muttered, "Good! company in the parlor. Shan't have to answer any questions."

Behind him, in the well-lighted, luxurious library, the stalwart, grim old banker sat by the table in the centre, very much as if he were listening for the sound of the closing of the front door. It came,—a sharp, decisive sound—and his heavy fist fell upon the table with a thud: "That's attended to. I believe I can trust him. There'll be music all round before a great while, but I don't believe I shall hear much of it. The rest of them will all have tickets."

There was mention making of tickets and music at that very moment in the parlor, for, although Mr. Marvin Belford had been there some time, he had been but a few minutes in the enjoyment of Ruth Faraday's conversation. He was not so tall or so strong a man as Gideon Street, but he was much better looking, his eyes and hair were darker, and he was dressed with more care. His response to Ruth's entering salutation had been made with a grace which did him credit, but they two, had they been listening, might have heard the street door open and shut just as the young lady innocently remarked, "The concert? Splendid? Yes, it will be, no doubt. Mr. Street has promised to take me."

"Con——! h'm! You're booked already! Too late, am I? Now, Ruth, you might have known I'd come. Gid Street, too!"

"Well, yes, I did think you possibly might, but I could not run any risk. I'm of age, now, these three days, and it's made me ever so much wiser than I used to be."

"Nothing could make you more beautiful, Ruth."

"Now, Mr. Belford, you must call me Miss Faraday. I'm quite taken with my new dignity, and I mean to claim all its advantages."

"What? With me, Ruth?"

"Certainly. Why not?"

"I've known you from childhood. You used to call me your cousin, and Marvin, and——" There was a touch of earnestness in his voice and manner, enough to suggest something more than a whim in Ruth's forethought concerning the concert.

Her interruption was badly matter-of-fact: "Oh, yes, Mr. Belford, that's all very true; but I insist upon being a grown-up young lady, now. Call me Miss Faraday, and tell me whom you think you'll take to the concert, now I'm out of the question."

"Nobody on earth."

"Now, Mr. Belford! You're not acquainted anywhere else? Why can't you be good and unselfish just for once, and go for some homely girl?"

"I declare, I will! I'll get the ugliest, worst-dressed, most ill-tempered, cross-eyed——"

"Poor, too; don't forget that."

The rest of that conversation was not worth reporting on behalf of Marvin Belford. It was a relief to him, at last, when Mrs. John Belford came into the parlor, called him her "dear nephew," and gave him the stately kiss of an admiring aunt.

It is quite possible she might have been doing better service in the library at that moment in the part of a devoted wife. There sat the banker yet, by the table, his gray head bowed upon his fat, wrinkled hands, and the voice which came through them almost sepulchral: "I can't quite make up my mind to it, but I know it's coming. It has waited a long time, but it will not wait much longer now. Glad I can trust Gid. It's a strange thing to think of, and to know it is so close at hand, after all these years. Coming—coming. I cannot make up my mind to it. She is a good girl, and I've loved her ever since she was born."

II.

There were five persons whose rank or duty gave them access to the ample vault of Belford Brothers, the well-known and highly-respected banking-house. Of these, the first two, the heads of the house, John and his brother William, rarely looked into it. Those who did so more frequently were the junior partner, Mr. Marvin Belford; the spectacled bookkeeper, Mr. Ruggles; and Mr. Gideon Street, in his confidential capacity of teller. The minor dignitaries of the ancient house could all say, indeed, that they had often looked in upon the sombre security of that iron-bound cell; they had even awe-struck memories of having put their feet inside it; but not one of them had been intrusted with the magic numbers of the combination which controlled the opening of the massive lock. But on the day after the events just narrated, there were five consecutive visitors to the vault, and each in turn found some attraction for his eyes in a large, oblong package, tied with cross-belts of red tape, which lay a little by itself on one of the lower shelves.

The ancient bookkeeper did not touch the package, but he bent his white head over it as he said, "Miss Faraday's bonds? Well, they're a special deposit, but I wish they were somewhere else. It won't do for me to meddle; but her uncle ought to look out for that. I forgot: Mr. John Belford does not know exactly."

He shut his lips tightly and went out, and his place was shortly taken by the portly form of Mr. William Belford, more grim and stately than his brother John, and more a walking assurance of financial solvency. He glanced around the vault, to see that all was right, and his cold, brown eyes rested on the package: "Ruth's fortune, eh? We must look out for that, for Marvin's sake. I must tell John to put it somewhere else. He doesn't know the real condition of things, but I can give him a reason for it."

His heavy, stately tread passed out of the vault, and he may have been correct as to his brother's ignorance of peril to that package, for in less than ten minutes John Belford was regarding "Ruth's fortune" with an iron smile and hoarsely chuckling over it, "That's safe, at all events. I owed that much to her mother. I'm glad nobody can touch it!"

It was necessary, a little later, for Gideon Street to carry into the vault a small japanned tin box, and the smile he turned upon the tape-belted parcel would have answered admirably for skirmish uses at the concert the coming evening: "There it is. Ruth is more of an heiress than I thought for. The old gentleman's managed well for her." The smile faded as he spoke, and its place was taken first by a crimson flush and then by a singular paleness. "They're not for you, Gideon, my boy. Any fool can see that. Do your duty, but don't you let it make a fool of you."

Excellent words to be uttered in a bank vault, whether as a riddle or an exhortation; and when he had taken one more look, he returned to his post in the main office.

It was late in the day before Mr. Marvin Belford found any occasion for crossing that iron threshold, and when he did so there were no eyes upon him. He had a deposit to make, taking it from a traveling bag which he carried in his hand. It was an oblong package, fastened curiously with red tape, and he put it down upon the shelf besides Ruth Faraday's fortune he was entirely justified in remarking, 'No man alive could tell them apart. Even the tape is of the same width, and the creases in the paper come exactly right. A perfect pair of twins.' He was evidentally pleased with the comparison he was making, but at the end of it he picked up one of the 'twins' and slipped it into the traveling bag. A change of mind, doubtless, and he had decided not to leave his deposit in the vault, for he carried that bag with him in his cab, after banking hours, when he went home. He seemed in low spirits, too, all the way; and it was probably well for him that he had in prospect an evening of amusement.

He went to the concert, truly, but he had failed to comply with the charitable suggestion of Ruth Faraday, for she herself could claim no great advantages over the jewelled belle at the side of Marvin Belford.

'Shall I smile on him, Ruth?' asked Gideon. 'I want to.'

'Do, please,—your very best. It's just what I've been doing.'

'Yes, I saw; and he tried to smile back. Failed awfully. I'll give him a chance to try again, if I can catch his eye. He loves me.'

'There! you hit him.'

There are a few things which Ruth either had not yet learned or had forgotten. For instance, you may know a man for years and years, and you may respect him exceedingly, he may even be your uncle's step-son and live a good while in the same house with you, and yet you may not become the least bit in the world intimate with him,—especially if you have it in your mind that you half-way dislike him and can't tell why. If, however, you begin to let him slip from "old acquaintance" into "old friend," there is no telling how far he will slip along that line,—or you either. It is a very slippery line. That night, however, Ruth was in remarkably high spirits, and Gideon had something upon his mind which absolutely compelled him to smile occasionally.

Mrs. John Belford had retired before her husband's niece returned from the concert, but he was still up, and he waylaid Ruth as she passed the library door. "Come in, my dear," he said, as he slowly returned to his seat by the table.

'What is it, Uncle John?' Her fair face was yet flushed with excitement and pleasure as she stepped lightly in, but she quickly added, "Are you not well? Is there anything the matter?"

He was looking in her face earnestly and lovingly, but there was a white, strange shade on his own, as of suppressed and bitter pain: "Nothing at all, my dear. Listen to me: can you keep a secret?'

She was serious enough now, as she listened to those deep, ominous, all but tremulous tones: "I can. Try me."

"It may not seem a great one just now, but you must keep it. You are good friends with Gideon?"

"Good enough, Uncle John, especially this evening."

"The music was good?"

"A splendid concert. But what about Gideon?"

"He is a man to be trusted. In a little while it will be necessary for you to trust some one. Trust him. Not anybody else."

"Not even you?"

"No, not even me. I am an old rascal. He is young and honest. No matter what turns up, trust Gideon Street."

"What can you mean?"

"Go to bed, now. Keep your secret. One of these days you will know what I mean."

She tried again, but there was no breath of explanation to be obtained from the old gentleman. His face grew hard and his voice harsh, but he kept to himself all the remainder of his secret.

The next day things seemed to go on as usual, but if John Belford had intended a deep and cunning plot to increase the distance in Ruth Faraday's behavior to Gideon he had planned well and with complete success. Even smiles across the table died like flowers in frost. Gideon took it all with external calmness, and Ruth could not complain of any attempt on his part to break the barrier of ice she had so unaccountably raised.

The days went by for about a fortnight in a curiously chilly way, considering how fine was the bright October weather, and then there came a great sensation to a very wide social and financial "circle."

Gideon Street carried it down to the bank and delivered it to Mr. William Belford and his son Marvin on their arrival. A telegram earlier sent had missed them.

"Apoplexy? Dead in his bed? Marvin, come right in with me. This is an awful blow!"

In half a minute more the two were closeted in the private parlor of the bank, leaving Gideon and Mr. Ruggles to spread the sensation as customers came in.

"Father," asked Marvin, "had you any suspicion of such a danger?"

"Knew he'd been in fear of it this long time. He was under medical treatment.—Well, he's gone!—Marvin, this will precipitate matters. This will be a rough day; but you can keep all steady while I drive to John's house and back. I'll see Carrie and give some directions, and then we must prepare—"

"For a storm? No, I don't see how it can come to-day."

"It will come. I've been fighting it off these ten years."

"Nobody knows there's any deficit, more than they did yesterday."

"You're not as old as I am. I can feel it in my bones."

He hurriedly left the bank and drove away, and it did seem for a while as if he had been under some mistake. Not a breath of suspicion had ever blown upon the credit of Belford Brothers. In this their hour of trial they were entitled to all imaginable sympathy and business courtesy, and it was lavishly extended to them,—especially the sympathy, in many and varied expressions thereof. Still, as the day went by, and after William Belford's return, a good many people seemed to be in need of money, and those who had any right to draw on Belford Brothers "at sight" began to do so.

"We've weathered it, father," said Marvin at three o'clock.

"How about to-morrow?"

"Well, the funeral won't be till the day after that—"

"John's, or the concern's? I tell you, my boy, there is something in the air. That thing will have to come out if we suspend. There is one thing we might do—"

"Not with my consent."

"Never mind, now. I will think about it. That would tide us over, and we could arrange afterward."

"Never! And we can weather it just as well without."

"Don't you be too sanguine. You'd better look in at John's with me on our way up-town."

That had been a dark day at the banker's elegant residence. Gideon Street had been glad to get away from it in the morning on the plea of business necessity. He had discovered, before going, that his affection for his step-father had been stronger than he knew, and so the blow fell on him the more heavily. He had also been astonished at the extreme of grief expressed by Ruth Faraday, but he had been greatly puzzled by a thing he heard her whisper to herself as she leaned above the cold face of her uncle: "I know now a part of what he meant. What can the rest of it be? This was coming, then, and he knew it!"

Gideon had not heard Mrs. Belford say, in the shelter of the curtained window, "I'm glad my own property is settled on me. William will be in control of everything else."

Nevertheless, it was not without some show of reason that Gideon had remarked to Ruth, before he left the house, "I will say just one word. I'm glad there's one person besides myself with heart enough to be genuinely sorry."

"Why, Gideon, I loved him."

"He loved you, too, and you will know it some day."

"I'm sure he thought everything of you. But I can't talk now. Do you think *they* will come here right away?"

"Of course they will. I don't mean to be here when they come."

Ruth was within a breath of saying, "I wish you would!" but she did not say it, and so when William Belford and Marvin called to mingle their grief with that of the stricken household, Gideon was not there.

III.

It was the middle of the day before the funeral, and the inner parlor of the old banking-house contained only Mr. William Belford and his son. Business went on in the outer office after a manner strictly conformed to the needs and proprieties of some sombre a state of affairs.

"Marvin, it is only as a loan."

"I protest!"

"You have no rights as yet. If you and Ruth were already married, it would be different. I am my brother's sole executor."

"What of that, father? Ruth is of age. This is her own private property. You've no control. I doubt if Uncle John would have any by right if he were alive."

"It's a deposit, Marvin. I won't break if I can help it!"

The oblong, tape-bound package lay on the table before him, and he tore it open with a movement so sudden that Marvin's outstretched hand was all too late.

"What! What is this?"

"Mere waste paper!"

"Whose work is this?"

It was hard to say which face of those two was changing color and expression the more rapidly as their eyes glanced from each other to the heap of trash on the table.

"Could Uncle John—"

"No, indeed! Nor old Ruggles. This is worse than the deficit. It is utter and everlasting ruin!"

"There is but one other man."

"Gideon? Call him in."

In a moment more Mr. William Belford was sternly pointing to the contents of Ruth Faraday's special deposit, and demanding, "What does this mean, Mr. Street?"

"Rubbish, I should say. Why?"

"What do you know about it?"

"Nothing at all."

"Mr. Street, do you know we have found a large deficit in the books of this house?"

"Perfectly well."

"And now here in this robbery, evidently committed by some one who had access to the vault."

"It looks very badly indeed." Not a hair of Gideon's yellow beard and moustache flinched, but the latter had a quiver in them as if they were beginning to curl a little.

"Have you any explanation to offer?" thundered the banker.

"Possibly I have. The plundering has been done quite systematically. I think it has required co-operative labor,—say, of two persons at least."

"Sir! I will have you arrested!"

"A scapegoat would certainly be desirable, but I doubt if I am the right man. I shall certainly refuse to serve."

"Leave the room, sir!"

"I will, and I shall also immediately leave the bank, but not the city. I shall not run away, Mr. Belford."

"Go, sir! Go!"

He went, not hastily, nor as one who had flight in his mind.

"Marvin, this is awful! We can stand it through to-day."

"To-morrow is the funeral, next day Sunday. We shall not open our doors again, father, now those drafts are coming."

"We can't pay fifty cents on the dollar: but we'll keep a-going till three o'clock."

So they did, but the air was becoming mysteriously filled with rumors undefined concerning the stability of the bereaved firm. It was surprising how many men were ready to remark, "I don't know about it: John was the backbone of the house." And he was dead, and that very evening his brother was compelled to remark to his widow, "There will be nothing to divide, Carrie."

"What, William! Nothing?"

"Not a dollar. There has been a heavy defalcation, heavy losses on top of it. Quite a run now, and more coming. The house will go into bankruptcy to-morrow."

"Oh, Mr. Belford," suddenly exclaimed Ruth, whose ears had lost no word he had been saying, "can I not help you? There are my bonds: take them. Uncle John said he had more than doubled the amount left me."

Mrs. Belford was staring at her brother-in-law in open-eyed, silent astonishment, while he on his part seemed struggling with a great grasp of some kind as he turned his head away from the tearful generosity in Ruth Faraday's face.

"Your bonds, my dear? There has been a robbery as well as a defalcation. Your fortune is all gone,—every cent of it."

"Robbery? All gone! Who could have done it?"

"It's all a robbery!" all but screamed Mrs. Belford. "Who did it, William? Who did it?"

"Be calm, Carry, be calm. It's an awful state of affairs. Tell me, did Gideon Street come home to supper?"

"Yes, he was here to supper, and he went out again."

"I doubt if you will see him again very soon. Thank you for your kind offer, Carrie. It is time for me to go."

"Do you suspect Gideon?"

"I will not say more, now."

"I will, then," said Ruth firmly. "I do not suspect him. You must not do anything against him, so far as I am concerned."

"My dear, generous-hearted girl, things must take their own course."

There was nothing Ruth could think of in reply to that, and, after Mr. Belford withdrew, she had quite enough to do in soothing the now hysterical grief of the bankrupt's widow. Only one gleam of common sense broke through the black cloud of all that wifely sorrow.

"Ruth Faraday," she said, "how could you be such a fool? If your fortune had been in your own hands, you'd have lent it to them, and you'd have lost it. It's just as well somebody stole it. I'm glad mine's safe, what there is of it. What will become of you?"

That was a question with which Ruth had not begun to wrestle, but she saw that it must come, by the light of the flash Mrs. Belford let in upon her. She said nothing at the moment, but she did a great deal of thinking all that evening while she sat alone in the library wondering when Gideon Street would return and what could keep him so late. So late? It was very late; and the thought whispered to her, at last, that she would rather not see him when he came in, for she would not dare to tell him the dreadful things Mr. William Belford had said of him.

Gideon chose his own hour, but he did return, and he was at the breakfast-table next morning. He was all alone, for neither of the ladies came down. Then he went to his own room, and, some hours later, none of those who gathered to join in the solemn ceremonials of the occasion preceived, in his behavior or in that of any member of the Belford family, a trace of improper feeling, only the uncommunicative reserve of men and women in affliction.

Perhaps it was as much Ruth's fault as any one's that Gideon Street and not Marvin Belford assisted her to a carriage and took the vacant seat beside her.

All the proprieties were duly observed, but in less than an hour after the return from the funeral a couple of gentlemen called to see Mr. Street, and he went out with them and did not return that day. He did not even leave word where he was going, or send any message to inform his anxious friends why he should not come back.

IV.

That Saturday night it was well known in the financial community that Belford Brothers would never again open their doors for business. It was known, too, that there were "some particularly nasty features" about the failure.

Mr. Marvin Belford's own room was, therefore, the most comfortable place for him to be in, and he was there; but he had been somewhere else first. He had spent an hour with Ruth Faraday just after tea, and he was evidently thinking about her now, as he sat and stared at the small bit of burning sea-coal in the grate before him. "I've been too fast with Ruth," he said, aloud. "She's feeling awfully cut up just now. I ought to have waited. She'll come round, of course, when she wakes up to the facts of the case. Hasn't a glimmer of an idea what it is to work for a living. I shall have to play poor for a while; but it beats me what I'm to do about those things just now. It's a queer secret to keep, but I'll keep it. Yes, I will, if I have to keep it forever!"

There was something harshly husky in his voice as he uttered the last words. He rose and walked slowly to a trunk in a corner.

The door of the room was already locked, so that he was in no danger of intrusion, while he drew from the trunk and placed upon his table an oblong, tape-bound package, remarking, "I'll see what there is of it." In about half a minute more he had seen, and he was staggering back from the table with a large white envelope in his hand. On the table, released from its careful wrapping, was a heap of old letters and other worthless things, and Marvin Belford had not yet found a single word to express the feeling of astounded disappointment with which he had stripped their mockery bare. That one envelope had lain on top, and it was addressed in a large, firm hand to "William Belford, Esq." "I may as well open it." He did so, and the broad sheet of paper he unfolded from it bore only these words:

"We are even now, my dear brother, Let us divide the deficit between us. You will not be able to lay your hands upon Ruth's fortune just now.

Affectionately,
JOHN BELFORD."

"Divide it between them?" gasped Marvin. "I thought as much. All I took didn't make the matter really any worse. So Uncle John swamped Ruth too, did he? It's rough on me just now: but what if she had accepted me? I should have been in a box then."

There was comfort in his misery, therefore, and there was fire in the grate, and all that pile of rubbish would burn, including Uncle John's letter.

That was an uncomfortable evening for a great many people; but not one of all those who mourned for John Belford, or for the failure of the house of which he had been the head, passed the long hours more wretchedly than did Mr. Gideon Street.

There is hardly anything more trying to manly fortitude than an arrest on a felonious accusation, locked up over Sunday, to sit and eat one's heart out in solitude, with a prospect of possible years and years of just such locking up in some lonely cell or other. "It would be almost as bad to be let out now," said Gideon to himself more than once, "and have men look at me as they will."

Late in the night, as he lay there in the darkness, other words burst from him: "And she! Ruth Faraday to think I am a thief! And that I stole from *her!*" It was not exactly a yell of agony, but it was a very good suppressed likeness of one.

He could send for a lawyer, even on Sunday, and he could be assured that his arrest was an unwarrantable, hasty proceeding, and that the magistrate would surely let him out again on Monday morning, after a few formalities; but something very black had settled over the soul of Gideon Street. He knew, as well as if he had been told, that the reason of his absence was now well understood in the mansion of the widow Belford.

What he did not know was that the news had been carried there by Marvin Belford, or how much of emphasis it had added to the replies made by Ruth Fararday to sundry graceful, even passionately, tender pleadings.

One night more, a dreadfully dark one, full of tempests out of doors and marked by other tempests in some homes and in such dim crypts as they lock up suspected felons in. Gideon's man of law was right, nevertheless, and before the noon of Monday he was free to walk past the closed doors of the old banking-house. He knew he was stared at by a number of men who passed him as he came up the street, but only one old acquaintance actually spoke to him. "What's the cause of the failure?" was Gideon's reply: "can't say. I'm told the money gave out, and they had to close. I left them the day before. You will have to ask somebody else."

Ruth Faraday was in her own room that afternoon when a servant knocked at the door and told her Mr. Street was in the parlor and wished to see her: "Tell him I'll come right down." Then she sat right down upon a trunk she had been packing: "Gideon! I thought he was in prison. What shall I say to him? Guilty? No, indeed: I don't believe a word of it. If I keep him waiting he will think I do."

He stood in the middle of the parlor when she flashed in, and she paused for a moment. He had never before looked so very large and strong and noble, only his face was ghastly white. "Miss Faraday—"

"Gideon! I don't believe it."

"But, Miss Faraday, I spent last night, the day before, the night before that, in a felon's cell. I am dishonored."

"You did not do it? You did not take their monoy? or my bonds?"

"Their money,—the deficit?—it was gone before I ever entered the bank. I did take your bonds, all of them."

"You did? Gideon!"

"Yes, I did. Your uncle gave them to me to keep for you. I have kept them. Here they are."

She had seen the valise he was now opening. It had given her a swift thought that he was going away, but now he took from it a package which he tore open in her presence. Gideon—"

"They are all here, Miss Faraday. I have been true to my trust."

"Don't count them, Gideon; please don't. I would trust you with anything. I promised Uncle John I would. Did you say they put you in jail?" She was close to him now, and looking

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The Middletown Transcript.

W. SCOTT WAY, Editor & Proprietor.

$2 00 A YEAR, IN ADVANCE.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Communications on topics of local interest are always welcome, but to insure insertion they must be brief and to the point. We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views of correspondents. Anonymous articles will receive no attention. Address all communications to the Proprietor.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JAN. 6, 1882.

MR. HOWE yesterday took the oath of office and assumed his duties as Postmaster General.

W. E. CAMERON, Readjuster Governor of Virginia, was inaugurated on Monday at Richmond.

THE official report of the Guiteau trial will make more than 2000 pages and will cost the Government about $5,000.

IT IS believed that the Post-office Department is engaged in removing the Mormon postmasters in Utah and appointing Gentiles in their places.

THE net decrease in the principal and interest of the public debt of the United States during the year 1881 was $102,611,777, and the increase in cash in the Treasury was $31,078,241.

THE Baltimore *Sun* has issued a neat almanac for 1882. It contains many valuable commercial and political tables, a record of the important events of 1881, and much other useful information.

SENATOR DAVID DAVIS caught a severe cold at the President's New Year reception, by standing in a draft. Washington correspondents don't explain how the draft found room to get past the Senator.

THE Maryland Legislature met on Wednesday and organized, harmony prevailing among the members. It is believed that reform and retrenchment are to be the order of the session. Both houses commenced in the spirit of economy by reducing the number of officers and their pay.

JUDGE COX, who has already won an unenviable notoriety by the liberty he has given the assassin Guiteau, during the disgraceful trial now nearing a close, on Monday allowed Captain Howgate, charged with embezzling nearly $200,000 from the Government, to leave the District jail and hold a New Year's reception at his house.

MR. HAYES, of Ohio, for four years a resident of Washington, says he is comparatively a poor man. It will be pretty hard for the country to swallow this assertion when it is generally understood that he saved $150,000 from his salary as President and inherited $750,000 from an uncle. It is hinted, however, that Rutherford has been speculating, hence this wail of poverty.

ANTHONY HIGGINS, ESQ., has taken his pen in hand and written nearly three columns of defense against the charges of "newspaper editors" in relation to the odious Neal verdict. The defense has appeared in the *Morning News*. Mr. Higgins will find that the more he rakes the "Neal business" up the more obnoxious it will become to the nostrils of respectable Delawareans of both political parties.

THE end of the Guiteau trial is near. The testimony for the defense closed on Wednesday and the court adjourned until Saturday morning. Nothing remains now but the arguments and it is probable that a verdict will be reached late next week. It has been suggested that the President appoint a day of national thanksgiving immediately after the close of the trial, but it might be well to defer this until after the hanging.

BALTIMORE'S new paper, the *Times* made its appearance on Sunday, showing evidence of ability and enterprise in all its departments. It failed to carry out its promised purchase of the *Gazette*, however, and that paper continues to appear as usual. Its publisher, George Colton, Esq., announces that "new life, new energy and additional capital will be thrown into the enterprise." The *Sun*, in noticing the advent of the *Times*, says there is room for more newspapers in Baltimore if they are well managed and ably conducted.

THE NEW YEAR.

This is the new year. It came in some days ago, but this is the first opportunity we have had to introduce it to our readers. You will observe that it seems a little cool and severe in its manner just now, but it will warm up by-and-by when it gets better acquainted with you. It will doubtless be a very good year, though we cannot be sure about it. We will take it on trial, and hope for the best. Let us put our old resolutions in repair, or, at least, as many of them as are not hopelessly ruined, pay our debts as far as we can, and strive to deserve all the good things that are going. If we get a share of them let us rejoice, and if we don't get any of them let us not sulk and go around like a bilious critic with a sore tooth. We can't have everything we want in this world. If we could we would want too much. If we have a peach crop next summer, and get good prices for them, let us rejoice and throw up our hats for 1882, and if the frosts nip them all off, let us go in for a good corn and wheat crop, and bring our minds to the philosophical conclusion that peaches don't pay the grower now, anyway. Let us take the new year just as it comes, and make the best of it. If we don't go around longing for something we can't get, and probably ought not to have, we will be happy as long as health and life is spared us. If a few hurricanes, hail storms and similar annoying things come along and tear up your crops, don't think this is the only section of the world where such things happen. If it is a hail storm take it cooly, and be glad it wasn't an earthquake. If a cyclone goes frolicking across your premises, just think how much more damage it might have done had it been a bigger cyclone, or had taken a different course. There is nothing like looking at a thing in this way. It brings great relief though it don't repair damages. Neither does brooding. Having introduced the new year, and followed with some wholesome advice—which is like castor oil, easier given than taken—the TRANSCRIPT will now retire, not forgetting to report from time to time on the conduct of our new acquaintance, Mr. 1882.

A NEW VOLUME.

With this issue the TRANSCRIPT begins its fifteenth year, and, its publisher is pleased to say, has every reason to be well satisfied with its condition and surroundings. A success from the start, the TRANSCRIPT has grown from year to year in popular favor and enjoys a circulation to-day nearly fifty per cent. greater than it did three years ago, while its advertising patronage is encouraging and of the best class. Its office is one of the best equipped on the Peninsula, and its typographic neatness has won it much praise. We have few promises to make for the future, save that while under the present management the TRANSCRIPT will continue to have the constant and undivided attention of its owner, and that improvements will be made as in his judgement the interest of the community and its newspaper may require. Realizing that the special field of the country newspaper is the careful gathering of local news and the discussion of questions that most deeply concern the community in which it is published, we shall go on printing the best newspaper we can. We do not expect to please everybody, however. The man who can do that hasn't been born yet.

ABOUT DELAWARE.

People of other States sometimes sneer at Delaware and Delawareans, but it is only a way they have got into, and they can't give any reason why they should do so. Pin them right down and they can say nothing against Delaware, except that she is small and maintains a whipping post, and then the majority of them believe, whether they will acknowledge it or not, that a whipping post is a good thing. The man who sneers at Delaware only makes a display of his ignorance. He might learn something about the State, if he would take the trouble, that would surprise him, and if he would look about the marts of trade of the great cities of adjoining States he would find there Delawareans among the shrewdest, most energetic and most successful. Delawareans are a power in the wholesale trade of Philadelphia. Delawareans generally get on the front benches wherever they drive stakes and camp. If they adopt the law they are generally heard from, if they turn to preaching they usually preach well, and if they go to drumming they are soon heard from as a member of the firm. If they want offices and there are any offices around loose, they generally get them. Maryland has four Delawareans in her Legislature this winter and they will all prove good law-makers, we'll warrant. You can't keep Delawareans down. They are bound to come up wherever they settle. In California some are farming and some are teaching, and we have abundant assurance that they are as good farmers and as good teachers as any in that State. In Colorado a number of them are mining, and they are successful and known as leading citizens. In the West they have succeeded in almost every calling, except as train robbers, highwaymen and horse thieves.

Another peculiarity about Delawareans, they are always proud of their place of birth. Let them live out of the State for fifty years, but there will still be a warm spot in their hearts for "Little Delaware." Some have said that Delaware is a mighty good State to move away from, and some who have thought so and went, have found it a mighty good State to move back to.

Literary Gossip.

THOUGH the title of Mr. Emerson's essay in the February *Century*, on "The Superlative," may suggest something obstruse and metaphysical, it is said that it will be found to be a practical plea for plainness and truthfulness of statement in conversation and literature. Readers who are also writers will recognize in it a valuable discourse on style.

VENERATED names in literature lend a peculiar interest to the contents of the Midwinter number of *The Century*, which will include among its contributors Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry W. Longfellow, and the late Dean Stanley. Other familiar names in the list of contributors are E. C. Stedman, W. D. Howells, Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, H. H., Maurice Thompson, Frank R. Stockton, and George E. Waring, Jr.

Chips.

— The only redeeming feature about a typographical error is that it sometimes convicts the journalistic thief.

— Man may be inflicted with many ills during this brief life, but if he escapes a whistling boy he ought to be tolerably happy.

— One of the best known paragraphers recently venturned to wear a stovepipe hat to Philadelphia, and before he had been there an hour a drummer for a coffin factory got him by the arm, drug him through a five story building and showed him 162 new designs in caskets before allowing him to explain that he wasn't a country undertaker, at all.

— John P. Smith, a worthy citizen of an adjoining county, retired peacefully to rest a few nights ago. Hardly had he closed his eyes when the darkness of his chamber was illumed by a phosphorescent light revealing the face of a terrible monster hanging over and looking down at him with eyes that seemed to burn into his very vitals. Then a great bony hand slowly descended toward the sleeping man's uncovered neck, and——John P. Smith woke up. He had only eaten half a mince pie before retiring.

— "Beauty when unadorned is adorned the most," but you needn't preach that doctrine to a woman who has made up her mind to have a sealskin sacque.—*Middletown Transcript*. Great Scott, Way: couldn't you have hinted that your wife had got the best of you in some other way. Look how it will encourage the others.—*Fall River Advance*. Well, country editors are bound to fool away their income in some way and they'd better spend it for a sealskin sacque than for beer and billiards. But we do acknowledge, George, that a sealskin sacque makes an awful hole in the editor's cash assets. Generally the hole is bigger than the sacque.

Philadelphia. Wilmington and Baltimore R. R.

The forty-fourth annual report of the directors of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company for the year ending October 31, 1881, which will be submitted to the annual meeting of the stockholders to be held Monday next in Wilmington, contains the following figures and items: Earnings for the year—Main Stem, Southern Division and Port Deposit Branch: Passenger receipts, $1,902,475.81; freight receipts, $1,433,999.65: express receipts, $111,855.40; mail receipts, $73,408.33; rent receipts, $22,001.26; steamer Canton receipts, $7,139.97. Total, $3,551,880.52. Operating expenses, $2,226,595.80; taxes, $94,203.50; receiptless expenses, taxes and interest, $1,131,361.36, out of which dividends were paid amounting to $935,512; surplus for the year, $195,849.36, out of which there was taken for the renewal fund $100,000. The balance, $95,849.36, with other assets of the company, makes the surplus fund up to October 31, 1881, amount to $1,165,816.55. Compared with the previous year the passenger receipts were 7.72 per cent. more, freight receipts 7.06, gross earnings 8.85, and the net earnings only 8.04, and the operating expenses were 22.95 per cent. greater than those of the previous year. The increased expenses were due to the laying of an unusual number of crossties, increased cost of material and labor, the purchase of eight new locomotives, the construction of eighteen first-class passenger cars, the running of the special Baltimore and Ohio trains early in the year. The sum of $57,823.27 was expended in substituting iron bridges for decaying wooden ones. Alluding to the purchase of the Newark and Delaware City Railroad, the report says this acquisition will much relieve the Delaware Division when overloaded in the fruit season, and will also shorten by eighteen miles the route between the Peninsula and Baltimore. The report concludes as follows: "The want of a suitable passenger station at Wilmington, Delaware, so long felt, is now being met by the erection of a large and suitable one."

The report states that the property has been considerably enhanced, and that the road and all things appurtenant thereto are in thoroughly good condition.

THE HOME OF GIANTS.—Captain Martin Van Buren Bates, who lives on a farm near Seville, Ohio, is 7 feet 11½ inches high, and weighs 478 pounds. Mrs. Bates is 7 feet 11 inches high and weighs 413 pounds. It is a difficult matter to convey an adequate idea of the proportions of such a dwelling as the one occupied by the Ohio giants. A door that is six feet six inches high is a large-sized opening in the side of a house—that is a dwelling house, not a cathedral. But the doors in the domicile of the Bates giants are ten feet high, and the knobs are nearly as high as the reporter's head. The couch upon which the big couple sleep was made especially for them, and it is a curiosity to look at. It is extensive enough to give the great people room to stretch in, and it looks as big as an ordinary-sized floor. It is really ten feet long, wide in proportion, and about twice as high as a common bed. The magnificent dressing-case is also a huge affair, with a glass upon it nearly as big as the side of a house. In the sitting-room is a piano of ordinary size itself, but is mounted on blocks two feet high, so that the instrument is away up in the air, out of the reach of common folks. There are two rocking chairs in this room that are so big that the reporter had to climb up into one of them the same as an infant would clamber up into a "high chair." It is very expensive for the giants to live, as they have to pay such an exorbitant price for every thing they wear. For instance it costs the Captain $30 a pair for boots.—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

PANIC IN A CHURCH.—During the funeral services of the Rev. Simon Kuhlehenhoelter, at the Salem Evangelical Church, Quincy, Ill., Wednesday afternoon, a frightful panic occurred. In the rush for the street some forty persons were injured, six ladies seriously. The church is one of the largest in the city, and was filled by the friends of the deceased. It is said that a seat in the gallery broke down and the people in the vicinity thought the gallery was giving away, and the rush commenced. Men, women and children poured out of the doors leading from the main floors and galleries into the hall leading to the street, all efforts to stop them being fruitless. In a few minutes the doorway was blocked up, and during the greater portion of this time half a dozen women were lying on the steps under the feet of the terror-stricken crowd.

THE GUITEAU JURY.—A Washington dispatch to the Philadelphia *Times*, under date of January 1, says the opinion prevails in that city that the Guiteau jury has practically come to a conclusion in the case. This opinion arises from the fact that each one of the twelve evinces an apparent desire to hear no more testimony on the subject, and their languid and careworn appearance indicates their desire to be free men again. They are kept constantly confined when not in the court room, at the National Hotel, their only recreation being an occasional omnibus ride about the city. They are denied access to newspapers, the public and friends, and are kept constantly under the surveillance of a colored Deputy Marshal.

THE MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.—The Maryland Legislature met on Wednesday and organized. In both houses there was a clean sweep of old officials. In the Senate, George H. Williams, (Dem.) of Baltimore county, was elected President, and in the House, Otis Keilholtz, (Dem.) of Baltimore city, was chosen Speaker. In the Senate, John H. Miller, of Cecil county, an Ex-state Senator, was elected Secretary, W. G. Purnell, journal clerk, and John Barrett, of Baltimore, reading clerk. In the House, Joseph B. Seth, of Talbot county, was elected chief clerk, John B. Baughman, of Frederick, reading clerk.

DURING the past year 555 locomotives have been built at the Baldwin Locomotive Works, being at the rate of two for each working day. 88 of these engines were built for export to foreign countries, 15 being for Australia, 16 for Brazil, and 48 for Cuba.

The Postal Service.

SOME FACTS CONCERNING STAMPS, POSTAL CARDS AND REGISTERED LETTERS.

Third Assistant Postmaster General Hazen has published, along with his complete annual report, some interesting facts concerning the postal service:

There is a decrease of $29,600 in the appropriation for next year, which is due to new contracts for the manufacture of postage stamps. Stamps are now obtained at 9.19 cents per thousands, while the old cost was 14.99 cents per thousand. Postal cards are now furnished at 54.43 cents per thousands instead of $1.39½, as was the case for a number of years. Under the head of second-class matter, General Hazen states that of a total of 43,778,435 pounds of newspapers, etc., mailed from fifteen of the principal post offices, New York alone furnished 17,326,435 pounds. Of letters mailed without superscription, the report states that such letters contain a larger percentage of valuable enclosures than any other class, and the enclosures are mainly drafts, notes and money orders from men engaged in active business. Of 2,614 registered letters and parcels received at the Dead Letter Office 2,131 were restored to the owners. One of the most gratifying facts observed is the decrease of obscene matter found in the mails. Not one obscene book has been received during the year, and to find an indecent photograph is a rare occurrence. Complaints as to the loss of packages in the ordinary mails have greatly diminished. The registry fees collected during the last fiscal year amounted to $65,697.20, an increase over the previous year of nearly 44 per cent. One out of every 164 letters mailed during the year was registered.

THE ITALIAN immigrants take naturally to New York. While a man from the rural districts of Long Island or New Jersey would act as if he were unused to the city these Italians on the first day of their appearance walk as placidly and as triumphantly up Broadway toward the Italian neighborhood as if they had lived here all their lives. The next morning the man will be keeping a chestnut stand or carrying a plump bag of rags, the boys will be running around with a blacking box on their shoulders and crying "shine," and the women and girls will be making bundles of laths at some torn down building.

LONDON *Truth* says: "America is sending us prime beef and mutton. American wool is ousting English from the market. American apples are more numerous in the English market than home grown. America is now sending us 'English' plum puddings ready for boiling. American horses have this year won the principal races in England and France. And now that America is bestirring herself about her navy what will be left for poor old England to plume herself with?

SKILL IN THE WORKSHOP.—To do good work the mechanic must have good health. If long hours of confinement in close rooms have enfeebled his hand or dimmed his sight, let him at once, and before some organic trouble appears, take plenty of Hop Bitters. His system will be rejuvenated, his nerves strengthened, his sight become clear, and the whole constitution be built up to a higher working condition.

EX-SENATOR THURMAN was looking at his boxes in which his private books and papers had been packed in his old committee room. He saw that the lettering on the boxes was "Hon. A. G. Thurman. Keep Dry." Turning to a friend, he said, "who in the deuce would ever think of giving me such advice as that?—*Herald, P. I.*

MRS. GARFIELD is living very quietly and comfortably in Cleveland. When her sons leave college she will choose between Cleveland and Washington for a permanent home. The dead President's mother preserves her health, is bright and cheerful, and is an inveterate reader of books, magazines and newspapers.

A SMOOTH COMPLEXION can be had by every lady who will use Parker's Ginger Tonic. Regulating the internal organs and purifying the blood it quickly removes pimples and gives a healthy bloom to the cheek. See Notice.

AN English company has concluded the purchase of 1,300,000 acres of land from the State of Mississippi.

A $20,000 Prize.

The lottery lightning has struck Milford, and so hard as to excite its citizens considerably. On Thursday of last week it was rumored that a Milford man had drawn the capital prize, $100,000, in the Louisiana State Lottery Company. Our reporter tried to look the matter up, but none of the two dozen persons indicted by Madam Rumor had drawn the prize. An express company sent two advices, saying that a prize had been drawn by a man in Milford. Excitement over the affair increased, and a common salutation on Saturday was, "Have you drawn the prize?" On Monday the holder of the ticket deposited it for collection. He is Mr. A. Z. Ackerman, a respectable and industrious farmer, living two miles from town. Although the owner of the farm where he resides, the $20,000 will be most acceptable to Mr. Ackerman. The one-fifth ticket that draws one-fifth of $100,000, is No. 94,892. It is said that this is the first lottery ticket ever owned by Mr. Ackerman.

As might be supposed, the drawing of such an amount has stirred up the people on the subject of lotteries, and brought to light some unknown facts. It now appears that a considerable number of our citizens have been dealing in lotteries, but they all kept the fact a secret. They include rich and poor, old and young, and even church members. One of our aged citizens says that twice he has come within one of the lucky numbers that drew prizes of $100,000. Another Milford man drew $10.

There is something very fascinating and seductive in the idea of acquiring sudden wealth by a chance that costs little, and we apprehend that many hundreds of dollars will be wasted on lotteries in this section, in view of the recent success of our citizen. Even those whose reason tells them otherwise, will invest a little because "it doesn't cost much, and I might."—*Milford, (Del.) News and Advertiser, Dec. 24th.*

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY ISAAC JONES, JR.

WHEAT—		CORN—	
Amber,	0 00@1 40	Yellow, New	00@62c
Timothy Seed	4 00	White, - "	00@60c
Clover Seed, ₩ lb @ 9c		Oats, - "	00@45c

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. M. REYNOLDS & CO.

Eggs, ₩ doz. -	@25c	Chickens,	
Butter, ₩ lb -	00@30c	dressed ₩ lb	10@11
New Lard, "	10@11c	Ducks, drs "	00@10
Potatoes, bus	90@100	Turkeys " "	11@12

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

WHEAT—		CORN—	
Prime red, 1 40@1 43		Yellow, -	66@68
Timothy Seed, 3 50		White, -	66@68
Clover Seed, ₩ lb 8@9c		Oats (Delaware)	51@52c

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

WHEAT—		CORN—	
Good to amb. 1 42@1 45		White,	70@73c
OATS—		Yellow,	66@69c
Southern,	50@51	Rye, -	1 00@1 03

Special Notices.

ON THIRTY DAYS' TRIAL.—We will send DR. DYE'S Celebrated Electro-Voltaic Belts and other Electric Appliances on trial for thirty days to young men and older persons who are afflicted with Nervous Debility, Lost Vitality, etc., guaranteeing speedy relief and complete restoration of vigor and manhood. Also for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Paralysis, Liver and Kidney difficulties, Ruptures, and many other diseases. Illustrated pamphlet sent free. Address Voltaic Belt Co., Marshall, Mich. nov 1 '81-1y

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Jan 6-6m eow

Dividend Notice.
NEW CASTLE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK } OF ODESSA, January 4th, 1882. }
THE DIRECTORS have this day declared a *Dividend of Four per cent.* for the last six months, clear of taxes, payable on and after the 11th inst. JOS. L. GIBSON, Cashier.
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Dividend Notice.
CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK, MIDDLETOWN, DEL., January 3d, 1882.
THE DIRECTORS have this day declared a *Dividend of Four per cent.*, clear of taxes, payable on and after 4th inst.
jan6-2t J. R. HALL, Cashier.

Estray.
Found estray on the railroad track, a BLACK HORSE, blind in one eye. Will be found at stable of William Gordon, near Middletown. The owner can have the animal by proving property and paying charges.
jan 6-3t. WILLIAM ROSS.

1882.
BAILEY
BANKS
BIDDLE
In opening the business of a New Year, we have the pleasure of looking back with the highest satisfaction on that of the year which is past.
— 1882 —
There are several causes which have contributed to the exceptional success of our endeavors to gratify refined taste at moderate cost, and on a greatly increased scale.
— 1882 —
We selected with the greatest care in Europe an immense stock of choice goods which proved to be without exception the best brought to this country.
— 1882 —
By making our selections in person, giving exclusive orders in ample time, purchasing on an enormous scale, and paying actual cash for all we purchased, we secured the advantage of the very lowest prices.
— 1882 —
Thus we were enabled to satisfy buyers and gratify them by marking our goods at a small advance on the low prices we paid for them.
— 1882 —
We are warranted in largely increasing our business for 1882. We have made arrangements by which we shall be able to mark our goods at even closer prices than in 1881. We will have a larger stock, and our decorative goods will be even more attractive than they have been. With the continued increase of business, there is no increase in the ratio of expense of carrying it on, but on the contrary, the greater business we do, the more favorable prices we can make to buyers.
— 1882 —
As of old we send by express "on approval" such articles as may be desired by persons who cannot in person visit us.
BAILEY BANKS BIDDLE
Jewelers, Silversmiths,
—AND—
IMPORTERS OF GEMS AND FANCY GOODS,
Twelfth and Chestnut Sts.,
PHILADELPHIA.

FINAL NOTICE TO
Tax-Payers of St. Georges Hun'd.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the requirements of the Act of Assembly in this behalf, passed at Dover, Delaware, April 10th, 1873, the undersigned will attend at the following named places on the days named, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 3 P. M., for the purpose of collecting all Taxes due that are unpaid:

NATIONAL HOTEL, Middletown, On TUESDAY, the 10th day of January, 1882.
PAULLIN'S HOTEL, Odessa, On WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of Jan., 1882.
BENDLER'S HOTEL, Port Penn, On THURSDAY, the 5th day of January, 1882.
W. J. ELIASON'S OFFICE, Mt. Pleasant, On FRIDAY, the 6th day of January, 1882.

Persons liable to pay taxes are hereby notified that in case of default, the Collector will proceed to collect such taxes by due process of law.
P. J. LYNCH,
Collector St. Georges Hun'd.
December 21st, 1881-2t

FINAL NOTICE TO
Tax-Payers of Appoquinimink Hd.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the requirements of the Act of Assembly in this behalf, passed at Dover, Delaware, April 10th, 1873, the undersigned will attend at the following named places on the days named, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 3 P. M., for the purpose of collecting all Taxes due that are unpaid:

GEO. M. D. HART'S OFFICE, Townsend, On SATURDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1882.
AT SILCOX'S HOTEL, FIELDSBORO, TUESDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1882.
WILSON'S CORNER, THURSDAY, JANUARY 12th, 1882.

Persons liable to pay taxes are hereby notified that in case of default, the Collector will proceed to collect such taxes by due process of law.
R. F. HANSON,
Collector Appoquinimink Hd.
December 20th, 1881-2t

Middletown Advertisements.

DO NOT FORGET TO
Go To Benson's
WHEN IN TOWN.
WE HAVE
UNDERWEAR at very low prices,
For Men, Women and Children, from the Very Cheapest to Very Fine Goods, in both white and scarlet.
SOME VERY ELEGANT
BLUE FLANNEL SHIRTS.
Hosiery,
We take great pleasure in showing.
Our stock is full and cannot fail to please you.
VELVETS & VELVETEENS,
SILKS, SATINS,
both striped Brocades and plain.
FRINGES, PASSAMENTRIES,
LARGE & SMALL ORNAMENTS,
Girdles, Tassels, Balls and Beads
10 per cent. lower than to be found elsewhere.
Beautiful Line of Lace Curtains,
PILLOW SHAMS AND SPLASHERS.
TIDIES in both Fancy Colors & White.
Linen Collars and Cuffs, Celluloid Collars and Cuffs. Suspenders.
Gloves of all kinds!
OUR OWN SHIRT!
The best Shirt made for $1.
Dry Goods lower than to be found elsewhere. Come and see us and prove facts. One Price! Everything Cash!
dec9-tf BENJ. BENSON.

ISAAC JONES, Jr.,
GRAIN DEALER.
Middletown, Delaware.
AGENT FOR
Wm. Lea & Sons,
BRANDYWINE MILLS.
Highest Market Price
PAID FOR GRAIN
On Chesapeake and Delaware Waters
OR ON DELAWARE R. R.
And its Connections.
AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN
COAL LIME. FLOUR.
FEED, SEEDS,
FERTILIZERS,
Agricultural Implements, &c.
Best Lehigh and Schuylkill anthracite and Cumberland bituminous Coals on hand at all times.
Jan 1, 1876–tf.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.
THE Partnership heretofore existing between ISAAC T. WILSON and LESLEY F. SCHREITZ, under the firm name of WILSON & SCHREITZ is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business of the late firm will be settled by Isaac T. Wilson.
ISAAC T. WILSON,
LESLIE F. SCHREITZ.
Middletown, Del., Dec. 13, 1881.

NOTICE.—The Painting Business will be continued by me in all its branches, and I solicit the patronage of the public generally who may want work in my line done.
Dec 30-3t ISAAC T. WILSON.

W. W. Cannon & Co.,
MAIN ST., MIDDLETOWN, DEL.,
Dealers in
Flour, Meal, Feed, Seeds, &c., &c.
The celebrated brand of Family Flour,
"THE IMPERIAL CROWN,"
Manufactured by W. G. Pennypacker & Co., Always on hand.
GRAIN BOUGHT
For W. G. PENNYPACKER & CO., Phila., at Highest Market Prices.
Dec.23-tf.

GEO. S. HOPKINS,
BAKER
AND
CONFECTIONER.
Bread, Cakes, Pies, Confectionery.
WEDDINGS
AND
PARTIES
SERVED AT SHORT NOTICE, AND SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.
dec 16-tf Middletown Delaware.

REGISTER'S ORDER.
REGISTER'S OFFICE, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., December 10th, 1881.
Upon the application of Sam'l. Townsend, Richard Townsend, and John Townsend, Executors of Samuel Townsend, late of Appo'k. Hd., in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Executors aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters Testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the county of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an Act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, and to be continued therein two months.
Given under the hand and Seal of Office of the Register aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle county aforesaid, the day and year above written. S. C. BIGGS, Register.

NOTICE.
All persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the Executors, on or before December 10th, A. D. 1882, or abide, the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided. SAMUEL TOWNSEND,
RICHARD TOWNSEND,
JOHN TOWNSEND,
Executors.
Address, RICHARD TOWNSEND, Townsend, Del. jan 6-2m

$147.85 A WEEK.
This is what several of our best agents are making selling
"The Secret of Success in Life"
And "Perfect" Family Bibles.
Of course all our canvassers are not doing so well, but most of them earn at least $25—many of them $40, $50 and even $60 per Week. The book is one that commends itself to every intelligent person, and the agent who understands his business, or will take the trouble to become acquainted with the many merits of "The Secret of Success," is as sure to make big money as that he lives. Wanted, polite and energetic ladies and gentlemen, to introduce this book into every home in the land.
TERMS THE MOST LIBERAL.
Write at once for proof and particulars.
THAYER, MERRIAM & CO.,
(Limited) 137 Arch Street, Philadelphia.
Dec 30-3t

$72 A WEEK. $12 a day at home easily made. Costly outfit free. Address TRUE & Co., Augusta, Maine.

Reynolds & Co.'s Adv.

S. M. Reynolds & Co.
WILL COMMENCE
On Saturday, Dec. 17th,
THEIR
ANNUAL HOLIDAY SALE
IN BOTH THEIR MAIN BUILDINGS AND THEIR NEW CLOTHING STORE,
WHERE THEY WILL
Display on SIX Floors!
AN IMMENSE
Stock of Goods Suitable
FOR THE PRESENT SEASON.
Also a large and varied assortment of Goods peculiarly adapted to the Holiday Season, consisting of
Japanese Trays; Glove, Handkerchief & Jewel Boxes; Mirrors,
Jewelry, Silk & Linen Handkerchiefs, Napkins, Hosiery,
KID and FABRIC GLOVES,
Nubias, Cabbas, Leather Bags, Pocket Books, Cutlery, Gents' Fancy Slippers, Fancy Vases,
Decorated Mugs, Cups & Saucers,
AND TOILET SETS:
Student Lamps, Brass and Glass Lamps, and the new
KALO MEDA, or Fancy
WOODEN WARE FOR
Photograph Holders, Card Receivers, Whisk Holders, Vases, &c., &c.

Our Confectionery
COUNTER
Will be found full of all kinds
OF NEW AND FRESH CANDIES
From Millers' Philadelphia Factory, with
Oranges, Apples, Lemons, Almonds, Dates, Prunes,
Almeria Grapes, Fine Raisins, Figs, Fancy Canned Goods, &c., &c.
We have also added to our
Five and Ten Cent
COUNTERS
A new COUNTER for the display of New Goods specially adapted to the wants of our Customers of more moderate means.
Our Five Large Windows!
On Cochran Square will give you some idea of the
Large Stock Within.
Our Stores will be Open during the week previous to Christmas until 8.30 o'clock, P. M., to enable all to have a chance to make their purchases.
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WE OFFER THIS SEASON THE FINEST STOCK OF
DRESS GOODS
Ever shown in Middletown, consisting in part of
6-4 Franklin, Gilbert, Groveland and Granite State all-wool fine Suitings, in all desirable Shades and Colors: Brown, Bronze, Green, Garnet, Navy Blue, Dark Gray, Light Gray, Mixed, &c.; Shooda Cloths, Black Cashmeres, fine all-wool, at 40, 45, 50, 60, 65, 75 cents and $1 a yard.
Also, a beautiful line of fine COLORED CASHMERES, all wool, in Brown, Bronze, Dark Green, Navy Blue, Prune, Myrtle, Olive, &c.
(These Goods are very desirable, and, at the price we offer them, the very best bargain of the times.)
There are many other nice goods, such as Taffetas, ¾ Wool Suitings, Chevrons, etc., which we will not stop to enumerate; in addition to which we have a choice assortment of low-priced Dress Goods from 10 to 20 cts., which are decided bargains.
LADIES' HANDSOMELY TRIMMED
COATS AND DOLMANS
From $4.00 to $16.00.
DRESS SILKS.
We offer one number of Black Silk, made by Bellon Brothers, 21 inches wide, all silk, at $1. No such bargain in black silk has been offered since anti-war times.
We offer also a very desirable silk a little heavier than the first at $1.25; one heavy gross grain, warranted all silk, a splendid article, at $1.50.
No such silks at the price can be found elsewhere this side of Philadelphia. Come see if it isn't so.
Dress Trimmings and Ornaments.
In these we have as near everything that can be wanted as one store can well keep—Velvets, Satins, Silks—various colors, shades and qualities; Stripes, Brocades, Plaids, Novelties, Fringes, Passementeries, Cords and Tassels, Laces, etc. etc
UNDERWEAR.
We have one of the choicest, cheapest and best lines of underwear for Ladies', Gentlemen, Boys' and Girls' (big and little), that can be found anywhere—White, Clouded and Scarlet, (medicated) at prices ranging, for Men's, from 25c. to $2; Ladies' from 50c to $2; Children's according to size.
Come and see us, friends, and prove by personal inspection the truth of our claims; and don't forget that we are the acknowledged headquarters for Zephyrs, Wools, Worsteds, Silks, Cottons, &c., as well as for Gloves, Hoisery, Buttons, Neckwear, etc., etc.
BOOTS AND SHOES.

Men's Winter Boots from	$2.00 to $3.50
Boys' Winter Boots from	1.25 to 2.25
Men's Calf Boots, from	3.50 to 5.00
Boys' Calf Boots, from	3.00 to 3.50
Men's Calf But. and Cong. Gaiters,	1.50 to 3.50
Boys' Calf But. and Cong. Gaiters,	1.25 to 2.50
Ladies' Kid and Peb. But. Shoes,	1.50 to 2.50
Misses' Kid and Peb. But. Shoes,	1.00 to 2.00
Child's Kid and Peb. But. Shoes,	50 to 1.00

RUBBER GOODS.
A full assortment of Ladies', Misses', and Children's Rubber Overshoes, Men and Boys' Rubber Boots and Shoes, Ladies' and Misses' Gossamer Circulars, with Hoods and Capes, all sizes.
CARPETS AND OIL CLOTHS.
Hemp Carpets, from 20 to 25 cts.
New Rag Carpets, from 37½ to 50 cts.
Ingrain, half wool, 28, 35, 50 and 60 cts.
Ingrain, all wool, 75 to 90 cts.
Extra Super Ingrain, 90 cts to $1.00.
Tapestry Brussels, 90 cts. to $1.00.
Stair Carpets, 25, 40 to 60 cts.
Floor Oil Cloths, 4-4, 5-4, 6-4, 8-4 wide, and in Patterns 4 by 4 and 5 by 5 feet.
S. M. Reynolds & Co.
MIDDLETOWN, DEL. nov25

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Samples and Descriptive Catalogue sent free when requested.
A STOCK AMOUNTING TO NEARLY TWO MILLION DOLLARS ALWAYS ON EXHIBITION
Absolute faithfulness by both parties the basis of all transactions.
The Largest General Store in the United States.
The block, from 13th St. to City Hall Square and Market St., including 1301, 1303, 1313, 1315, 1317 and 1319 Chestnut St.
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WITH
SMEDLEY BROTHERS,
Manufacturers and Wholesale Dealers in
Hats, Caps Furs, Straw Goods,
LADIES' HATS,
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WITH
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Importers of and
Jobbers in Notions,
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411 Market St., PHILADELPHIA.

REEVES, PARVIN & CO.,
Wholesale Grocers,
Nos. 20 and 22 South Front Streets.
PHILADELPHIA.

THE PATRONAGE OF THE MERCHANTS of the Peninsula is solicited by the above old-established and favorably known firm.
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The Oldest Tobacco Warehouse in Philadelphia.
G. & A. ULRICH,
WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
MANUFACTURED TOBACCO,
SEGARS AND SNUFF,
No. 100 *Market St., Corner of Front,*
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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JAN. …

DELAWARE R. R.—TRAINS LEAVE MIDDLETO…
Going North, 7:55 A.M. 11:07 A.M. 5:0…
Going South, 10.39 A.M. 2:19 P.M. 7:30 …

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Town Notes.

— "Keep cool!" is pretty easy advice to take this week.

— The ice crop seems pretty safe, after all our fears for it.

— Prof. Ford visited his class in voice culture, Thursday evening.

— Pinkeye has appeared among the horses in the vicinity of Middletown.

— Robert A. Cochran's new brick stores will not be ready for occupancy for several weeks.

— Under Mr. Craddock's management the automatic gas lamps give our town excellent light.

— The annual election of stockholders of the Citizens' National Bank will be held on Tuesday next.

— The Lyceum's program of exercises Monday evening will doubtless be entertaining and instructive.

— Extra services have been held at Forest church every evening during the week with a good attendance.

— There is a case of varioloid in Appoquinimink hundred, said to have been contracted in Wilmington.

— Lord & Polk are shipping their Truxillo Guano to Jacksonville, Florida, to be used as an orange-tree fertilizer.

— Game is scarce now. Joe Gary went gunning one day last week, walked forty miles, he says, and killed one rabbit.

— Harrison Vandegrift, of this hundred, has been drawn as a petit jury at the January term of the U. S. District Court.

— Rev. Mr. Alexander will preach for Rev. Mr. Louderbough, at Drawyer's church, on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

— The Directors and officers of the Citizens' National Bank enjoyed their annual dinner on New Year's Day at the National Hotel.

— One of Dr. Barr's Christmas presents is a handsome adjustable chair, in which one can fix himself up in any comfortable position desired.

— The social hop in Reynold's Hall, Monday evening, was a pleasant affair. An excellent orchestra of four pieces furnished the music.

— The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Peninsular, Agricultural and Pomological Association will be held on Saturday, 28th inst.

— Nothing brings more happiness to the hearts of the girls and boys than the first snow. They had grand, good times with their sleds yesterday.

— Some of the "oldest inhabitants" say the weather of the early part of this winter resembled that of 1847, which was so mild that people had out-door excursions in December.

— The ice harvest began on Thursday, and those who have ice houses will improve every opportunity to secure a supply. The ice cut yesterday measured about three inches in thickness.

— Mr. C. H. Ellison, of the cannery firm of Biggs, Clayton & Co. will sell his farm stock, etc., in February and remove to Middletown. There is plenty of room here for all such enterprising citizens.

— Middletown will receive an unusually large number of new families in the spring, and building promises to be much more active than during the past season. Contracts have already been made for several fine residences.

— R. T. Lockwood will dispose of his farm stock in February and become a resident of Middletown. He has leased the house now occupied by Mr. Miller, on Green street. Mr. Miller, we learn, intends to remove to Wilmington.

— George Gray, Esq., attorney for the owners, has sold to William Moore, of Coatesville, Pa., the farm of W. W. and W. R. Rothwell, for $55 per acre. The farm is situated on the Levels, contains 333 acres and is improved with good buildings.

— The millpond afforded skating for the first time this season on Tuesday and a number of persons have been having the good of it since. Skating is a grand enjoyment, once it is learned, but many persons lose interest in it after the first attempt.

— Interesting revival services are being held at the M. E. Church, and will probably continue several weeks. The attendance has been good since the opening of the services. Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Rev. Mr. Murray was assisted by Presiding Elder Martindale.

— If the skating holds good the local editor thinks he will borrow a pair of silver-mounted rockers and go down and show somebody how to cut a double front and back circle. There is nothing you ever saw as graceful as the local editor on skates, except it were a clothes horse in a hurricane.

— New Year's Day was introduced with several good rounds of fire-arms but it was a quiet sort of day and brought no exciting event beyond the occasional snap of a fire cracker. The amount of it is that most people get a fill of holiday before they reach New Year's Day, and want nothing so much as a rest and some plain food.

— The following is a list of letters remaining in the post-office at Middletown, Del., for the week ending, January 7th, 1882: Mrs. Harriet Ann Bartley, Walter Guy, Fannie Gibbs, Miss Nichy Houseson, J. S. Hand, T. C. Hambly, Eliza Walker. Persons calling for the above letters will please say that they are advertised. D. L. Dunning, P. M.

— Union Lodge, A. F. and A. M., is one of the oldest Masonic lodges in the State. Records now in the archives of the Lodge date back nearly a century, and strange to say names are found on the earliest minutes that are still familiar in this section. At present the lodge is one of the strongest and most flourishing on the Peninsula and its work is famous among Masons for being "correct."

— The year 1881 was remarkable for its number of marriages, and in Delaware there is no falling off in the lifetime partnership business with the advent of the new year. Every town reports weekly an encouraging list of unions, promises more in the near future, and the ministers shake the twenty-dollar gold pieces in their purse and think this aren't such a bad world after all.

— The Board of Education has dispensed with the fifth department at the Academy, and the school will hereafter be graded in four departments. A falling off in attendance of large scholars is advanced as a reason for this change. Since Prof. Wrights administration, it is said, pupils finish their education and engage in business much earlier than formerly, and the age of pupils in the higher department now averages much lower than it did a few years ago.

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— The Trustees o… pointed a committee t… property, near Wilmington.

— *Every Evening* of Monday contained an excellent record of Wilmington happenings during the year 1881.

— Mrs. Grover, an aged lady, was struck by a train and fatally injured while walking on the railroad track at New Castle, on Monday.

— A bay horse belonging to the Edgemoor Iron Company was stolen Tuesday night. The company offers a reward of $50 for the recovery of the animal and the conviction of the thief. The horse was six years old and 16 hands high, with black mane and tail.

— Deaths to the number of 1360 occurred in Wilmington during 1881, against 935 in 1880. The number of deaths from smallpox was 122 and from consumption 197. The mortality was notably heavy among children under five years, the number of such being 536.

— The new bridge over St. Augustine creek and meadows was received by the Levy Court on Wednesday, from the hands of the contractor, Robert R. Morrison, and thrown open to the public. The road has been impassable since the great storm of 1878. The new structure is a fine one, and reflects great credit on the builder.

— The Wilmington correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* says: "In the will of Henry S. McComb Mrs. McComb has been left $100,000. The McComb mansion and contents, and the residue of his fortune is divided equally between his four children. Gen. Walthal, of Grenada, Miss., and George H. Bates are settling the estate. The grave of the deceased is being watched day and night by the police to prevent desecration."

State.

— Chancellor Saulsbury's health is much improved.

— Prof. S. T. Ford will read at the Smyrna Town Hall next Friday evening.

— Joseph T. Adams, of Georgetown, was on Monday appointed Prothonotary of Sussex county, to succeed Captain Long.

— John H. Hoffecker, Trustee, has sold the Middle farm, containing one hundred and twenty acres, between the Big Oak and Brenford, Kent county, to Messrs. Tschudy & Catts for forty-eight hundred dollars cash.

— The term of office of the Clerk of the Peace of Kent county will expire in September next, and the candidates for the place are warming up for the contest. Register and Wilds will be applicants from the upper part of the county, and C. J. Hall the only applicant, probably, from the lower part.

On New Year's day, as is the custom on each recurring anniversary, the friends of Mrs. Ann Denney assembled at the residence of Col. Geo. W. Cummins to celebrate with her her 104th birthday. Mrs. Denney enters her 105th year in good health and with faculties as bright as in any period of her life.—*Smyrna Times.*

— Hon. Francis A. Walker, superintendent of census, has issued a pamphlet upon the approximate areas of the States in which Delaware is given 1,960 square miles, divided as follows: New Castle county, 430; Kent, 630, and Sussex, 900, including half of the boundary portion of the Delaware river as far south as Cohansey creek, also Rehoboth bay and Indian river.

Maryland Matters.

— Cranberry culture is growing in importance in Wicomico county.

— William Hampton, a Kent Island oysterman, while crazed with liquor, last week, blew out his brains with a shot gun.

— Cambridge is one of the growing towns of the Peninsula, over fifty buildings having been erected there in 1881. Manufactories started the boom.

— Efforts are to be made at Chestertown to start a paper mill by a stock company. It is stated that the mill established in Talbot county paid forty per cent. on the investment the first year. It manufactures box boards from wheat straw, principally.

Hymeneal.

Bethel M. E. Church, near Chesapeake City, Md., was beautifully decorated Wednesday evening and filled with a large assemblage who had come together to witness the wedding ceremony of Miss Mary S. Eliason, daughter of John D. Eliason, of New Castle county, Del., and Mr. G. Oldham Massey, of Cecil county, Md. Rev. Mr. Layfield, pastor of the church, officiated. The bridesmaids were Misses Lizzie Clayton, Jennie Biggs, Louise Naudain, of Delaware, and Miss Ella Griffith, of Maryland; and groomsmen, Messrs. Geo. Wilson, J. M. Naudain, Mr. Brooks and Joseph Griffith. The ushers were Messrs. J. Frank Peach and James S. Hopper, both of Chesapeake City. Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party was driven to the residence of the bride's father, where a reception was held. At a late hour the happy pair took the train at Elkton for Baltimore and Washington. The presents were numerous and exceedingly handsome.

Conference.

Preparations for the annual Conference of the M. E. Church, to be held in Middletown in March, are going on slowly and surely. Homes for many of the ministers have already been secured by the committee, and the remainder will doubtless soon be provided for. As has already been stated, Bishop John F. Hurst, LL. D., will preside at the Conference. The daily sessions will probably be held in the M. E. Church and the anniversary meetings in the Town Hall. The church, though one of the largest on the Peninsula, would hardly accommodate the many that are expected to attend these meetings. Therefore, the Hall will probably be secured.

The "Clio."

Mr. Watkins' handsome little steamer, the "Clio," has discontinued her trips between Odessa and Philadelphia until the early spring season. She has had a good year, notwithstanding the peach failure, having been favored with encouraging freights throughout the season. Mr. Watkins' line has been a great convenience to Odessa people and to the farmers residing along the Appoquinimink, and they have of course shown their appreciation of a good thing by giving it substantial encouragement.

A Cold.

The local editor is just now endeavoring to shake off the society of a Christmas cold. We call it a "Christmas cold" because it arrived on Christmas morning, and it seemed to want to intrude itself as a sort of holiday present. When a man expects a pair of slippers embroidered with speckled chickens scratching up a strawberry patch, and finds nothing in his Christmas stocking but a cold, he is generally mad, and so it was with the local editor. It was a mighty mean cold, too. It opened business by starting an assorted lot of shivers up and down our back, then hauled off its shivers and turned on its fever forces for awhile. Reader, did you ever have a cough that seemed to be down … your boots and determined to stay …re? That's a bad sort of cough. When …ave a cough like that we'll walk a … to keep from meeting an undertaker. That's the kind of a mean cough that accompanied our Christmas cold. We have heard people complain that their cold and cough did not suit each other, but our cold and cough seemed to get along together excellently. They must have suited each other. But neither of them suited us. Give us any other cold but a cold full of alternate shivers and fevers and any other cough but a cough that sounds down in the cellar. Pretty nearly everybody has a sovereign remedy for a cold, and we are a great hand to experiment. When we had any spare time from publishing this paper we devoted it to fighting that Christmas cold. We rubbed with coal oil till we thought we had that cold pretty well lubricated. Somebody said coal oil would "loosen it." Then we tried hot teas, tar water, expectorants, and a lot of other ammunition intended to burst a cold up on short notice, but that Christmas cold went right along in our society as though it was well enough satisfied with its surroundings to stay till spring. With the aid of a physician we've got that cough up out of the cellar, and the Christmas cold seems to be losing its grip. We will dispose of the remnant at a bargain.

Middletown's Need.

Middletown has enough merchants and tradespeople for her present needs. She wants manufacturies—something to give employment to idle hands. Our big cannery will be a great and good thing in this direction, as far as it will go, but we must have more manufacturing industries. There is plenty of room, and in this day of idle capital there would be little difficulty in securing means to set up manufacturing enterprises here. Owners of real estate and merchants should be ready to give encouragement to every new enterprise that promises to employ the unemployed. It would be greatly to their interest to do this, and any money they might invest to secure a manufacturing business to the town would probably return to them an hundred fold. Middletown has not been keeping pace with some of her sister towns in starting new industries. There has been too much of a disposition to follow in the ruts of the past and to sit down and take matters easy. But we have every reason to believe that a change is at hand. Let us all, therefore, do what we can to help any prospective enterprise.

Annual Election and Dinner.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the New Castle County National Bank of Odessa was held on Wednesday, and the old Board of Directors was re-elected as follows: Messrs. Charles Tatman, John Appleton, C. Watkins, William Polk, John C. Corbit, S. F. Shallcross, H. N. Willits, Samuel Pennington, Henry Davis. The Board elected Mr. Chas. Tatman President and Mr. John C. Corbit Vice President. A dividend of four per cent., clear of taxes, was declared from the earnings of the bank for the past six months. The annual dinner to the directors, bank officers and guests was a pleasing event. It was prepared by Mr. J. D. Paullin, who has won himself much glory as a successful caterer, and on this occasion fully sustained his reputation. About thirty persons gathered about the board and, without exception, we believe, did ample justice to the many delicacies prepared for them. All the directors, except Mr. Watkins, were present. Among the guests were Ex-governor Cochran, Chas. Beasten, James M. Vandegrift, Dr. Hamilton, W. R. Cochran, R. W. Cochran, Wm. Green, J. R. Hoffecker, E. R. Cochran, D. W. Corbit, W. E. Appleton, J. K. Williams, and Collector Lynch. After dinner Dr. Hamilton entertained a little party for nearly an hour with a selection of his choice jokes.

The Cantwell Insurance Company.

The annual meeting of the Cantwell Mutual Insurance Company was held at Paullin's Hotel, Odessa, on Monday of this week. Messrs. J. C. Corbit, C. Watkins, Wm. Polk, H. N. Willits, Henry Davis, Joseph Roberts and Colan Ferguson were elected directors for the ensuing year. J. C. Corbit was re-elected president, and Joseph G. Brown secretary and treasurer. The annual report submitted by the secretary and treasurer made an excellent showing for the condition of the company. The losses by fire during the year were but $12; the expenses, including a new safe, were $589.70, the amount paid in dividends, $2,280.75, and the amount invested, $1,800.00. The value of policies of insurance in force is $905,330.13, and the value of deposit notes subject to assessment is $65,650.61. The contingent fund is $26,-550.72. The handsome dividend of twelve per cent., paid this year, was a pleasant surprise to the insured, and there was a general expression of satisfaction at the manner in which the affairs of the company have been managed during the past year, as well as in former years. A company that keeps you insured and pays you a dividend every year, frequently greater than your annual premium, is a good institution, and its management is worthy of praise.

Personal.

— Messrs. William Pennington, Jack Cochran, Jacob Maxwell, and Irving Walker, who came home to spend the Christmas holidays, returned this week to their schools.

— Mr. J. E. Hendrickson, of Philadelphia, was in town on Wednesday. He informs us that his commission house did a heavy and encouraging trade during the season closing with the holidays.

— Charles Tatman, Esq., who was on Wednesday re-elected President of the New Castle County National Bank of Odessa, will soon reach his eightieth birthday. His general health is good and he meets regularly with the board of directors.

The Lyceum.

At the regular meeting of Irving Lyceum, Monday evening, Miss Mollie Burris read a pleasing selection from Scott, and Mr. Bucke read a humorous selection in Irish dialect. The question, "Should Capital Punishment be Abolished," was ably argued by Messrs. Biggs and Bucke, in the affirmative, and Messrs. Murray and J. P. Dunning, in the negative. The attendance was fair and the meeting a pleasant one.

The Ship Canal.

An important meeting of leading merchants of Baltimore was held at the Board of Trade rooms Wednesday afternoon, for the purpose of meeting Hon. Fetter S. Hoblitzell, member of Congress from the Third district, to discuss "The Chesapeake and Atlantic Ship Canal." Committees had been invited from the several mercantile associations of Baltimore and many representative men were present, including members of the Board of Trade and the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association. There was a general interchange of views, after which the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman, Mr. Hoblitzell agreeing to report at an early day the result of a conference with his congressional colleagues, and the merchants' committees also agreeing to decide upon some specific line of action to be reported at an adjourned meeting.

Church Wedding.

At St. Clement's church, 20th and Cherry streets, Philadelphia, last evening, Mr. Frank Hardcastle, of Chicago, and Miss Katie Cassidy, of Philadelphia, were united in marriage. Mr. Hardcastle is well and favorably known in Middletown, where he for a time resided, and the best wishes of his Delaware friends will go with him and his bride to their Western home.

Sales to Take Place.

TUESDAY, FEB. 7.—Public sale of personal property by Alfred Herrick, near Odessa.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8.—Public sale of farm stock and implements by Henry Clayton, near Mount Pleasant.

TUESDAY, FEB. 14.—Public sale farm stock, and implements, B. M. Crawford, Middle Neck.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15.—Public sale farm stock and implements, by Charles Webb, near Middletown.

THURSDAY, FEB. 16.—Public sale of farm stock and utensils, by Charles S. Ellison, near Mount Pleasant.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22.—Public sale, farm stock, implements, and household goods, by Wilmer J. Ellison, Middle Neck, Cecil county, Md.

FRIDAY, FEB. 24.—Administrator's sale farm stock, implements, and household goods, by Geo. H. Houston, administrator.

[COMMUNICATED.]

A Donation Party.

I would like to tell your readers of the very pleasant evening the pastor of Appoquinimink circuit enjoyed at the parsonage at Blackbird on the evening of January 5th. Though having an engagement at Friendship that evening, he was kindly requested to stay at home, and was thus in a measure prepared for the onset. At 7.30 P. M. about forty or fifty persons came in, largely representing both churches of the circuit. They brought with them such things as fill the pantry and gladden the hearts of the pastor and wife. I have never known a donation with so great variety, and in which so much good sense was displayed. The articles were such as need not spoil or become stale before being used. Ice cream and cake were brought and served in abundance. Mr. John Salta, of Friendship, and some of his select singers gathered around the organ and gave us some fine music.

At 11.30 P. M. the pastor asked the attention of its company, and made a short address, welcoming them, thanking them for their kindness, and assuring them of as hearty a welcome whenever they want to come again. Prayer was offered, after which Mr. Wm. Baker, of Friendship, and Mr. Wm. Scott, of Union, made short, and if the writer had not been the subject of the remarks, would say very good speeches. I can add they were kind, and we hold them in untold appreciation. I would like your readers to have a synopsis of the last two speeches referred to, but it is not becoming in your correspondent to give it. Sufficient to say that we all had a good time, plenty to eat, and the pastor and wife were made and left exceedingly happy. R. K. S.

Blackbird, Del., Dec. 5th, 1881.

Henry S. McComb.

Henry S. McComb, of Wilmington, died suddenly at the West End Hotel, Philadelphia, on Friday morning of last week, of apoplexy. Mr. McComb left his home in Wilmington at nine o'clock for the purpose of attending a dinner to be given by Secretary of State Frelinghuysen at Newark, New Jersey. He stopped over in Philadelphia for the purpose of calling on a friend at the West End Hotel. He arrived at the hotel about eleven o'clock and chatted pleasantly with the clerk and afterwards was shown to one of the parlors. Hardly five minutes had elapsed before one of the lady guests came hurriedly down stairs to the office and excitedly informed the clerk that Mr. McComb was dying. Mr. Freeman, the clerk, ran to the parlor and there discovered Mr. McComb lying in an unconscious state on the floor. Two physicians were at once summoned, but arrived too late to be of any service. Mr. Freeman at once communicated with Mr. McComb's friends in Wilmington, acquainting them with the fact of his sudden death.

He was born in Wilmington in May, 1825. His parents were in humble circumstances and his father died when Henry was a boy. Thus the support of the family was partly thrown upon him and instead of going to school he had to go to work. He learned the currier's trade, devoting his spare moments to the acquisition of a fine education. In 1845 he began business for himself and eight years later built the large lace and picker leather factory which he has since carried on. Government contracts during the war swelled his growing fortune and enabled him to launch out into the railroad enterprises which have made him known. His recent sale of the Delaware Western Road to the Baltimore and Ohio netted him one hundred and thirty thousand dollars. His estate is worth from three to five millions.

MARRIED.

HENDRICKSON—RILEY.—On 4th inst., at the residence of the bride's mother, Smyrna, Del., by Rev. Mr. Rigg, Augustine Hendrickson, of Locust Grove, Md., to Miss S. E. Riley of Smyrna, Del.

ROTHWELL—HUDSON.—December 29th, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. J. D. Rigg, William Rothwell, of Middletown, and Miss Mary E. Hudson, of near Smyrna.

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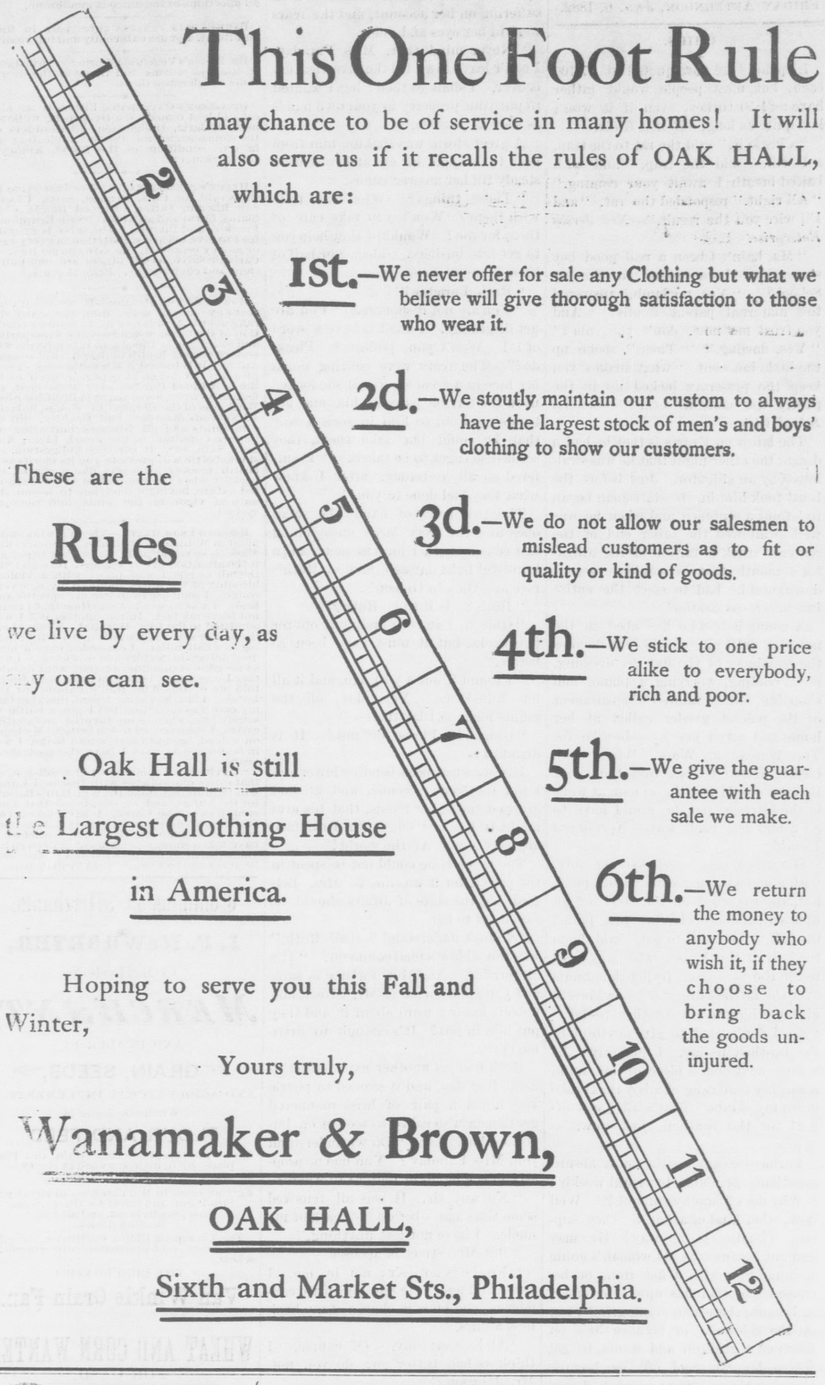

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CHIPS.

Elephants are now quoted at $7,100 each, but most people would rather have a $1.50 turkey, even if it won't last quite as long.—*Boston Globe.*

"Cheese it," said the rat to the trap. "I will," said the trap, "and with baited breath I await your coming." "All right," responded the rat, "and I'll wire you the result."—*New Jersey Enterprise.*

"Ma, hain't I been a real good boy since I've been going to Sunday School?" "Yes, my lamb," answered the maternal parent fondly. "And you trust me now, don't you, ma?" "Yes, darling." "Then," spoke up the little innocent, "what makes you keep the preserves locked up in the pantry the same as ever?"—*Sunday School Visitor.*

The latest on Evarts is that he had a dream the other night that he was swallowed by an alligator. Just before the beast took him in, the statesman began to let out a sentence, and when he was well swallowed the other end of the sentence stuck so far out of the alligator's mouth that he couldn't get it down, and he had to eject the entire lunch.—*Rome Sentinel.*

A young lady wlo lies abed in the morning until nine o'clock, and devotes the remainder of the day to dressing, novel reading, worrying a piano, and shopping, almost fainted when an agent of the paletot gender called at her house and asked her to subscribe for The Woman at Work. When sufficiently recovered she told the agent that she would find the woman at work in the kitchen, and she would have to go round the back way.—*Norristown Herald.*

She was a real sweet looking lady, with a sealskin sacque and a big plush hat, and she stood on the steps of an uptown residence, having just pulled the bell. "I called to see," said she to the lady of the house, who was very red in the face from frying doughnuts over the kitchen fire, "if you wished to give anything to the heathen to-day." "No, I don't want to give anything to the heathen to-day. I just give the woman next door a piece of my mind about her scallawag of a boy that broke down my plants. That's all I can afford for the heathen, just now."—*Weaver.*

Farmers do get up the most absurd questions—here's one to a rural weekly: "Why does Timothy run out?" Well now, what kind of a boy do they suppose Timothy is, anyway! He may run out because the old woman's going to brand him with a hot iron, or because his brother has upset the stove, or because there's an organ grinder out on the sidewalk, or because he's set down on a gridiron and wants to get where he can cool off, or because there's a circus going by and a chance to throw bombs at the elephant, or because—well now, why shouldn't he go out anyway! Do you think he's bound to stay in the house all the time!—*Rome Sentinel.*

"Look here, Matilda," said a Galveston lady to the colored cook, "you sleep right close to the chicken house, and you must have heard those thieves stealing the chickens." "Yes, ma'am, I heerd de chickens holler, and heerd de woices ob de men." "Why didn't you go out then?" "Case, ma'am (bursting into tears), case, ma'am, I knowed my ole fadder was out dar, and I wouldn't hab him know I'se lose confidence in him foah all de chickens in the world. If I had gone out dar and kotched him, it would hab broke his ole heart, and he would hab me tote de chickens home foah him besides. He done tole me day before dat he's gwine to pull dem chickens dat night."—*Galveston News.*

One of the best natured men of Jackson, Michigan, played it on the boys of that city, recently, in a way they will remember for a long time. He bought a large cast iron bull-frog, such as are sold for paper weights, and placed it on a log out in the river, and then let nature take its course. Boys on their way to school, and boys on their way anywhere or nowhere, would see the frog and pick up a stone and let drive. Not one stone in a thousand would hit the frog, and it wouldn't make any difference if a stone did hit him, as he was spiked down. The fun was kept up until people began to complain of the slack water, which flooded their gardens and cellars, and which was caused by the dam created by the stones that had been thrown into the river. Then the frog was removed.—*Peck's Sun.*

SILVER CREEK, N. Y., Feb. 6, 1880.

GENTS—I have been very low, and have tried everything to no advantage. I heard your Hop Bitters recommended by so many I concluded to give them a trial. I did, and now am around, and constantly improving, and am nearly as strong as ever. W. H. WELLER.

A western paper undertook to allude in complimentary terms to "a solid woman." The compositor got the i and l transposed and the editor went across three counties in seven hours.—*Rockland Courier.*

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up in his face, for the idea was growing upon her that he had somehow been suffering on her account, and the tears were in her eyes and voice.

"Never mind that, Miss Faraday. I can't leave town till the investigation is over. I shall go then; but I wanted to put your property in your own hands as soon as possible."

A great storm was shaking him from head to foot, but his eye and voice were steady till her answer came:

"These things? What can I do with them? Won't you take care of them for me? Wouldn't they help you to get into business, Gideon? or half of them?"

"Ruth Faraday!"

"You are not dishonored! You are not disgraced! I don't believe a word of it! Won't you, Gideon? Please do!" The tears were pouring down her face in a great shower as she looked upon the terrible pain in his, and her hands went out to him in such a way that he could but take them, they seemed so eager to be taken. "I suffered so all yesterday, after I knew what they had done to you."

The two pairs of hand—the small ones and the very large ones—clung fast to one another for a moment, and a beautiful light dawned first in Ruth's face and then in Gideon's.

"Ruth? Is it so? Ruth?"

"Gideon, I've been finding it out for two weeks, but it must have been so before."

"I found it out a year ago, and it all but killed me. Yesterday, all the nights long, as I lay there—"

"Gideon! Please do not! It is dreadful!"

His head had been bending lower and lower for some seconds, and he had dropped one of her hands, that his arm might be free: "Oh, Ruth, I can face anybody now. All the world!"

Too much time could not be spent in the parlor, for it was due to Mrs. Belford that the state of affairs should be explained to her.

"I don't understand it at all, Ruth," was the widow's final comment. "It's all terrible. And your fortune is safe, and you are engaged to Mr. Street, and nobody knew a word about it, and they put him in jail! It's enough to drive me crazy."

Ruth had yet another explanation to make that day, and it seemed to puzzle very much a pair of brisk-mannered gentlemen who called to see her on important business: "Do we understand you, Miss Faraday? You had no property in the hands of Belford Brothers?"

"Not any, sir. It was all removed some time ago,—before the death of my uncle. I have not lost anything."

"But Mr. Street is accused—"

"No, he is not, sir; not by me. I am of full age. He has my entire confidence, and he is in charge of my business affairs."

'Ah! Certainly. Of course. I think we had better go: do you not, Mr. Johnson?'

'Reckon we had. There's an awful leak in this business somewhere. 'Tis't here.'

Ruth Faraday had never in her life before appeared so dignified and positive as she did while she was bowing out of the parlor those two emissaries of law and justice, and there came a rustle of silk behind her as she did so: 'Ruth, dear, I'm so glad Mr. Street saved your bonds! But what will Brother William say, and your cousin Marvin?'

'What will they say? I never want to see them again. How will they dare to look Gideon in the face, after what they have done? Arresting him!'

'Oh, dear me! I had almost forgotten about that. I was thinking of you and Marvin.'

'Aunt Carrie—well, you might as well know. I told Marvin what I thought of him and his father last night when he told me they had put Gideon in jail. He will never trouble me any more.'

It was not likely he would, now that any vision he might have of Ruth would surely confounded itself in his mind with another of Gideon Street. Nevertheless, after all was settled, even long afterward; when Mrs. Ruth Street and her husband had freely pardoned everybody, Mr. William Belford nor his son Marvin was able to give himself a satisfactory explanation of the mystery of the tape-bound package and the bonds it did not contain. Like the long-hidden deficit, it remained one of the 'mysteries of banking.'—*Lippincott's for January.*

F. H. DRAKE'S SUFFERINGS.—F. H. Drake, Esq., Detroit, Mich., suffered beyond all description from a skin disease, which appeared on his hands, head and face, and nearly destroyed his eyes. The most careful doctoring failed to help him, and after all had failed he used the Cuticura Resolvent (blood purifier) internally, Cuticura and Cuticura Soap (the great skin cures) externally, and was cured, and has remained perfectly well to this day.

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11.48	3.10	8.34		Woodside,	6.47	9.56	3.52
11.53	3.14	8.39		Canterbury,	6.42	9.52	3.47
11.58	3.19	8.44		Felton,	6.37	9.48	3.42
12.10	3.31	8.55		Harrington,	6.25	9.37	3.31
12.17	3.38			Farmington,		9.26	3.19
12.26	3.46			Greenwood,		9.18	3.11
12.35	3.55			Bridgeville,		9.09	3.01
12.52	4.10			Seaford,		8.55	2.47
1.07	4.23			Laurel,		8.42	2.33
1.20	4.35			Delmar,		8.30	2.20

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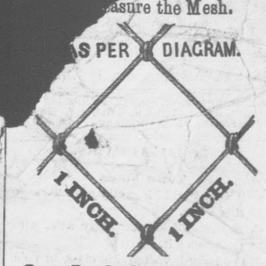

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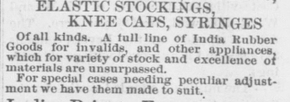

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